1. **RJM, a Christian ministry to the inmates** at the Brazos County Detention Center (BCDC), announced it is beginning a fund raising campaign to raise money for the following ministry services:

* Increase donations to support basic ministry operations into 2016.
* Increase Chaplain hours from 10 to 20 hours per week.
* Increase funding available for Bible purchases. 60-70 Bibles are given out each week.
* Begin a inmate mentoring program with selected volunteers.
* Buy outreach equipment: a computer projector and brochures to share the message of our ministry.

1. **What does RJM do at BCDC ?**

Seventy RJM volunteers and two paid part time staff provide Chaplaincy and Spiritual Support Service for **600-800 inmates** in the Brazos County Detention Centeryear round.  RJM volunteers give over **220 hours of service** each month to this ministry.

RJM volunteers –

* Lead **6-7 Life Skills classes** bimonthly, to help inmates rethink aspects of their lives before reentry. Life Skills classes include Parenting, Job and Careers, Finances.
* Conduct **35 Bible Studies and 26 Sunday Worship Services** each month.

1. **Why is the funding raising necessary now?** Costs of our ministry exceed our donated income. Donations  comprise 55% of our budget.  Our donations are down.  Our immediate goal is to raise $ 6000 dollars to continue the ministry into 2016 and then raise $17,230 to expand the services noted above. If we do not raise the minimum of $ 6,000 in the next 6-8 months we will have to close our doors in mid 2016.
2. **Pay for donated Chaplain Hours.** The Chaplain routinely spends 25-30 hours each.  He is currently paid for 10 hours only. RJM seeks compensate the Chaplain for services he performs.
3. **How will RJM do its fundraising?**  **RJM trusts in the Lord for grace giving in donations.**

RJM Board Members will :

* visit local churches, share our ministry and seek donations
* encourage RJM volunteers to share their experiences with home churches and give,if led.
* visit religious organizations and businesses to share with them the work of RJM jail ministry and ask them to consider giving, if led to do so.
* give a formal presentation about RJM upon request to Pastors or groups.

Three levels of giving….

* **Sustained giving** (helps overall ministry and ensures stable admin/ministry)
  + For large churches $200 per month
  + For others Grace Giving
* **One time gifts for general ministry needs**. Grace Giving.
* **One time gifts for specific items** … Bibles, Tracts, Bible Studies, Books
* $50.00 provides for 70 bibles or 50 Study Booklets and Devotionals